

# House File 2325 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing counties to access the Iowa communications  
2 network as a public agency.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 8D.2, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 a. "Public agency" means a state agency, an institution  
1 4 under the control of the board of regents, the judicial branch  
1 5 as provided in section 8D.13, subsection 17, a school  
1 6 corporation, a city library, a library service area as  
1 7 provided in chapter 256, a county library as provided in  
1 8 chapter 336, or a judicial district department of correctional  
1 9 services established in section 905.2, to the extent provided  
1 10 in section 8D.13, subsection 15, an agency of the federal  
1 11 government, a county, or a United States post office which  
1 12 receives a federal grant for pilot and demonstration projects.  
1 13 Sec. 2. Section 8D.11, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2007,  
1 14 is amended to read as follows:  
1 15 4. A political subdivision receiving communications  
1 16 services from the state as of April 1, 1986, may continue to  
1 17 do so but communications services shall not be provided or  
1 18 resold to additional political subdivisions other than a  
1 19 school corporation, a county, a city library, a library  
1 20 service area as provided in chapter 256, and a county library  
1 21 as provided in chapter 336. The rates charged to the  
1 22 political subdivision shall be the same as the rates charged  
1 23 to state agencies.  
1 24 Sec. 3. Section 8D.13, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code  
1 25 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 26 c. "Part III" means the communications connection between  
1 27 the secondary switching centers and the agencies defined in  
1 28 section 8D.2, subsections 4 and 5, excluding state agencies,  
1 29 institutions under the control of the board of regents,  
1 30 nonprofit institutions of higher education eligible for  
1 31 tuition grants, and the judicial branch, judicial district  
1 32 departments of correctional services, hospitals and physician  
1 33 clinics, agencies of the federal government, counties, and  
1 34 post offices.  
1 35 Sec. 4. Section 8D.13, subsection 16, Code 2007, is  
2 1 amended to read as follows:  
2 2 16. Access shall be offered to hospitals licensed pursuant  
2 3 to chapter 135B and physician clinics for diagnostic,  
2 4 clinical, consultative, data, and educational services for the  
2 5 purpose of developing a comprehensive, statewide telemedicine  
2 6 network, to an agency of the federal government, to a county,  
2 7 and to a post office defined as a public agency pursuant to  
2 8 section 8D.2, subsection 5. A hospital, physician clinic, an  
2 9 agency of the federal government, a county, or a post office  
2 10 defined as a public agency pursuant to section 8D.2,  
2 11 subsection 5, shall be responsible for all costs associated  
2 12 with becoming a part of the network.

### EXPLANATION

2 14 This bill confers upon counties the status of a public  
2 15 agency for purposes of being authorized access to the Iowa  
2 16 communications network. The bill makes conforming changes to  
2 17 Code chapter 8D, which deals with the Iowa communications  
2 18 network and the duties of the telecommunications and  
2 19 technology commission.  
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